

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2010. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the remarks to follow are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 5, 6, 9–20, 22, 28–42, 45–50 and 54 are pending in the Application. Claims 32 is canceled herein, without prejudice. The Applicants respectfully reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein, either at a later time during the prosecution of this application or any continuing applications. Claims 1, 20, 28, 30, 33, 40–42, and 45–50 are independent claims.

The Applicants want to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 20, 22, 33–42 and 47–50 are allowed.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1, 5–6, 9–19 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In the interest of expediting consideration and allowance of the pending claims, the Applicants have elected to amend the claims to clarify that which is recited in the claims, specifically, the Applicants have deleted the language that was indicated as confusing. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 5–6, 9–19 and 54 are in proper form and it is respectfully requested that this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn. Further, since claims 1, 5–6, 9–19 and 54 do not have any prior art rejection, it is believed that claims 1, 5–6, 9–19 and 54 are allowable and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 28–32 and 45–46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0123327 to Vataja ("Vataja"). These

rejections are respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that claims 28-31 and 45-46 are allowable over Vataja for at least the following reasons.

The Office Actions has taken a position that the claims do not require that the devices are different. In the interest of advancing consideration and allowance of the claims, the Applicants have elected to amend the claims to make clear that the claims are directed to devices and that each of the sender device and the at least two recipients recipient devices are different devices.

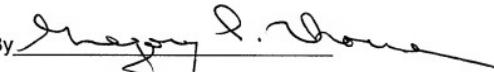
Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 28, 30, 45 and 46 are patentable over Vataja and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 29 and 31 respectively depend from one of the independent claims and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration and allowance of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

It is not believed that any further fees are due for entrance of this amendment other than those paid concurrent herewith. However, if any additional fees are due, please charge any additional fees which may be required in this application, including extension of time fees, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

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